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AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
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AN ACT RESTORING THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (25) of section 9-601 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *January 1, 2018*):

4 (25) "Organization expenditure" means an expenditure by a party
5 committee [.] from its state-only account or compliant account, as those
6 terms are defined in section 2 of this act, by a legislative caucus
7 committee or by a legislative leadership committee for the benefit of a
8 candidate or candidate committee for:

9 (A) The preparation, display or mailing or other distribution of a
10 party candidate listing. As used in this subparagraph, "party candidate
11 listing" means any communication that meets the following criteria: (i)
12 The communication lists the name or names of candidates for election
13 to public office, (ii) the communication is distributed through public
14 advertising such as broadcast stations, cable television, newspapers or

15 similar media, or through direct mail, telephone, electronic mail,
16 publicly accessible sites on the Internet or personal delivery, and (iii)
17 the communication is made to promote the success or defeat of any
18 candidate or slate of candidates seeking the nomination for election, or
19 election or for the purpose of aiding or promoting the success or defeat
20 of any referendum question or the success or defeat of any political
21 party, provided such communication is not a solicitation for or on
22 behalf of a candidate committee;

23 (B) A document in printed or electronic form, including a party
24 platform, an electronic page providing merchant account services to be
25 used by a candidate for the collection of on-line contributions, a copy
26 of an issue paper, information pertaining to the requirements of this
27 title, a list of registered voters and voter identification information,
28 which document is created or maintained by a party committee,
29 legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee for
30 the general purposes of party or caucus building and is provided (i) to
31 a candidate who is a member of the party that has established such
32 party committee, or (ii) to a candidate who is a member of the party of
33 the caucus or leader who has established such legislative caucus
34 committee or legislative leadership committee, whichever is
35 applicable;

36 (C) A campaign event at which a candidate or candidates are
37 present; or

38 (D) The retention of the services of an advisor to provide assistance
39 relating to campaign organization, financing, accounting, strategy, law
40 or media.

41 Sec. 2. Section 9-601 of the general statutes is amended by adding
42 subdivisions (32) to (34), inclusive, as follows (*Effective January 1, 2018*):

43 (NEW) (32) "Federal-only account" means a depository account
44 established or controlled by a party committee, which depository
45 account is subject to the disclosure and contribution limits provided

46 under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended from
47 time to time.

48 (NEW) (33) "State-only account" means a depository account
49 established or controlled by a party committee, which depository
50 account is subject to the disclosure and contribution limits provided
51 under chapters 155 to 157, inclusive.

52 (NEW) (34) "Compliant account" means a depository account
53 established or controlled by a party committee (A) that is completely
54 segregated from any other account established or controlled by the
55 party committee, (B) that contains only funds raised in compliance
56 with both the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended
57 from time to time, and chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, and does not
58 contain any funds transferred from a federal-only account established
59 or controlled by the party committee or from a committee registered
60 with the Federal Election Commission, and (C) from which all
61 expenditures are made in full compliance with both the Federal
62 Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended from time to time, and
63 chapters 155 to 157, inclusive.

64 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 9-608 of the general statutes is
65 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
66 *January 1, 2018*):

67 (c) (1) Each statement filed under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this
68 section shall include, but not be limited to: (A) An itemized accounting
69 of each contribution, if any, including the full name and complete
70 address of each contributor and the amount of the contribution; (B) an
71 itemized accounting of each expenditure, if any, including the full
72 name and complete address of each payee, including secondary payees
73 whenever the primary or principal payee is known to include charges
74 which the primary payee has already paid or will pay directly to
75 another person, vendor or entity, the amount and the purpose of the
76 expenditure, the candidate supported or opposed by the expenditure,

77 whether the expenditure is made independently of the candidate
78 supported or is an in-kind contribution to the candidate, and a
79 statement of the balance on hand or deficit, as the case may be; (C) an
80 itemized accounting of each expense incurred but not paid, provided if
81 the expense is incurred by use of a credit card, the accounting shall
82 include secondary payees, and the amount owed to each such payee;
83 (D) the name and address of any person who is the guarantor of a loan
84 to, or the cosigner of a note with, the candidate on whose behalf the
85 committee was formed, or the treasurer in the case of a party
86 committee or a political committee or who has advanced a security
87 deposit to a telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for
88 telecommunications service for a committee; (E) for each business
89 entity or person purchasing advertising space in a program for a fund-
90 raising affair or on signs at a fund-raising affair, the name and address
91 of the business entity or the name and address of the person, and the
92 amount and aggregate amounts of such purchases; (F) for each
93 individual who contributes in excess of one hundred dollars but not
94 more than one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, to the extent known,
95 the principal occupation of such individual and the name of the
96 individual's employer, if any; (G) for each individual who contributes
97 in excess of one thousand dollars in the aggregate, the principal
98 occupation of such individual and the name of the individual's
99 employer, if any; (H) for each itemized contribution made by a
100 lobbyist, the spouse of a lobbyist or any dependent child of a lobbyist
101 who resides in the lobbyist's household, a statement to that effect; and
102 (I) for each individual who contributes in excess of four hundred
103 dollars in the aggregate to or for the benefit of any candidate's
104 campaign for nomination at a primary or election to the office of chief
105 executive officer or a slate or town committee financing the
106 nomination or election or a candidate for chief executive officer of a
107 town, city or borough, a statement indicating whether the individual
108 or a business with which he is associated has a contract with said
109 municipality that is valued at more than five thousand dollars. Each
110 treasurer shall include in such statement (i) an itemized accounting of

111 the receipts and expenditures relative to any testimonial affair held
112 under the provisions of section 9-609 or any other fund-raising affair,
113 which is referred to in subsection (b) of section 9-601a, as amended by
114 this act, and (ii) the date, location and a description of the affair, except
115 that a treasurer shall not be required to include the name of any
116 individual who has purchased items at a fund-raising affair or food at
117 a town fair, county fair or similar mass gathering, if the cumulative
118 value of items purchased by such individual does not exceed one
119 hundred dollars, or the name of any individual who has donated food
120 or beverages for a meeting. In the case of a party committee with a
121 compliant account established pursuant to subsection (e) of section 9-
122 617, as amended by this act, the treasurer of such party committee
123 shall report whether any such expenditure, expense incurred,
124 contribution or receipt was to or from the state-only account or
125 compliant account of such party committee. A treasurer shall not be
126 required to report or retain any receipts or expenditures related to any
127 de minimis donations described in subdivision (17) of subsection (b) of
128 section 9-601a, as amended by this act.

129 (2) Each contributor described in subparagraph (F), (G), (H) or (I) of
130 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall, at the time the contributor
131 makes such a contribution, provide the information that the treasurer
132 is required to include under said subparagraph in the statement filed
133 under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this section. Notwithstanding any
134 provision of subdivision (2) of section 9-7b, any contributor described
135 in subparagraph (F) of subdivision (1) of this subsection who does not
136 provide such information at the time the contributor makes such a
137 contribution and any treasurer shall not be subject to the provisions of
138 subdivision (2) of section 9-7b. If a treasurer receives a contribution
139 from an individual which separately, or in the aggregate, is in excess of
140 one thousand dollars and the contributor has not provided the
141 information required by said subparagraph (G) or if a treasurer
142 receives a contribution from an individual to or for the benefit of any
143 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election to the

144 office of chief executive officer of a town, city or borough, which
145 separately, or in the aggregate, is in excess of four hundred dollars and
146 the contributor has not provided the information required by said
147 subparagraph (I), the treasurer: (i) Not later than three business days
148 after receiving the contribution, shall send a request for such
149 information to the contributor by certified mail, return receipt
150 requested; (ii) shall not deposit the contribution until the treasurer
151 obtains such information from the contributor, notwithstanding the
152 provisions of section 9-606; and (iii) shall return the contribution to the
153 contributor if the contributor does not provide the required
154 information not later than fourteen days after the treasurer's written
155 request or the end of the reporting period in which the contribution
156 was received, whichever is later. Any failure of a contributor to
157 provide the information which the treasurer is required to include
158 under said subparagraph (F) or (H), which results in noncompliance
159 by the treasurer with the provisions of said subparagraph (F) or (H),
160 shall be a complete defense to any action against the treasurer for
161 failure to disclose such information.

162 (3) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (2) of this
163 subsection, each contributor who makes a contribution to a candidate
164 or exploratory committee for Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
165 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State, State
166 Treasurer, state senator or state representative, any political committee
167 authorized to make contributions to such candidates or committees,
168 and any party committee, including such party committee's state-only
169 account and, if applicable, compliant account established pursuant to
170 subsection (e) of section 9-617, as amended by this act, that separately,
171 or in the aggregate, exceeds fifty dollars shall provide with the
172 contribution: (A) The name of the contributor's employer, if any; (B)
173 the contributor's status as a communicator lobbyist, as defined in
174 section 1-91, a member of the immediate family of a communicator
175 lobbyist, a state contractor, a prospective state contractor or a principal
176 of a state contractor or prospective state contractor, as defined in

177 section 9-612; and (C) a certification that the contributor is not
178 prohibited from making a contribution to such candidate or
179 committee. The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall prepare
180 a [sample] form for such certification by the contributor and shall
181 make it available to treasurers and contributors. Such [sample] form
182 shall include an explanation of the terms "communicator lobbyist",
183 "principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor",
184 "immediate family", "state contractor" and "prospective state
185 contractor". The information on such [sample] form shall be included
186 in any written solicitation conducted by any such committee. If a
187 treasurer receives such a contribution and the contributor has not
188 provided such certification, the treasurer shall: (i) Not later than three
189 business days after receiving the contribution, send a request for the
190 certification to the contributor by certified mail, return receipt
191 requested; (ii) not deposit the contribution until the treasurer obtains
192 the certification from the contributor, notwithstanding the provisions
193 of section 9-606; and (iii) return the contribution to the contributor if
194 the contributor does not provide the certification not later than
195 fourteen days after the treasurer's written request or at the end of the
196 reporting period in which the contribution was received, whichever is
197 later. No treasurer shall be required to obtain and keep more than one
198 certification from each contributor, unless information certified to by
199 the contributor, other than the amount contributed, changes. If a
200 treasurer deposits a contribution based on a certification that is later
201 determined to be false, the treasurer shall have a complete defense to
202 any action, including but not limited to, any complaint investigated by
203 the State Elections Enforcement Commission or any other investigation
204 initiated by said commission, against such treasurer for the receipt of
205 such contribution.

206 (4) Contributions from a single individual to a treasurer in the
207 aggregate totaling fifty dollars or less need not be individually
208 identified in the statement, but a sum representing the total amount of
209 all such contributions made by all such individuals during the period

210 to be covered by such statement shall be a separate entry, identified
211 only by the words "total contributions from small contributors".

212 (5) Each statement filed by the treasurer of a party committee, a
213 legislative caucus committee or a legislative leadership committee shall
214 include an itemized accounting of each organization expenditure made
215 by the committee. Concomitant with the filing of any such statement
216 containing an accounting of an organization expenditure made by the
217 committee for the benefit of any candidate for the office of state
218 senator, state representative, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney
219 General, Secretary of the State, State Comptroller or State Treasurer
220 such treasurer shall provide notice of the organization expenditure to
221 the candidate committee of such candidate.

222 (6) When a party committee makes or incurs an expenditure for a
223 communication, each statement filed by such party committee shall
224 include in the itemized accounting of expenditures (A) whether the
225 costs of the communication were allocated among such party
226 committee's state-only account, compliant account established
227 pursuant to subsection (e) of section 9-617, as amended by this act, or
228 any other account, and (B) if so, the percentages of such allocation paid
229 from such state-only account or compliant account. Such party
230 committee shall submit a copy of any written, typed or other printed
231 communication, or of any web-based, written communication, or a
232 transcript of any video or audio communication that is broadcast by
233 television or satellite or via Internet or of any automated telephone call
234 to the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than ten days
235 after the filing of the statement in which such communication was
236 reported or should have been reported.

237 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) The commission shall post a link on the home page of the
238 commission's Internet web site to a listing of all organizational
239 expenditures reported by a party, legislative leadership or caucus
240 committee under subdivision (5) of this subsection. Such information
241 shall include reported information on the committee making the

242 expenditure, the committee receiving the expenditure and the date and
243 purpose for the expenditure.

244 [(7)] (8) Statements filed in accordance with this section shall remain
245 public records of the state for five years from the date such statements
246 are filed.

247 Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 9-617 of the general statutes is
248 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
249 *January 1, 2018*):

250 (d) [A] No party committee may receive contributions in excess of
251 one hundred thousand dollars, in the aggregate, in any calendar year
252 from [a] any federal account of a national committee of a political
253 party, [but may not] and no party committee may receive
254 contributions from any other account of a national committee of a
255 political party or from a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-
256 state office, for use in the election of candidates subject to the
257 provisions of this chapter. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
258 subsection, a federal account of a national committee of a political
259 party may provide to a party committee documentation in printed or
260 electronic form, such as a party platform, a copy of an issue paper, a
261 list of registered voters or voter identification information, which
262 documentation is or was created or maintained by the federal account
263 of the national committee of a political party.

264 Sec. 5. Section 9-617 of the general statutes is amended by adding
265 subsection (e) as follows (*Effective January 1, 2018*):

266 (NEW) (e) A party committee may establish a compliant account, as
267 defined in subdivision (34) of section 9-601, as amended by this act. For
268 the purposes of chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, including limits for
269 contributions, expenditures and organization expenditures, any
270 compliant account will be aggregated with the state-only account, as
271 defined in subdivision (33) of said section, if any.

272 Sec. 6. Subsection (e) of section 9-618 of the general statutes is
273 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
274 *January 1, 2018*):

275 (e) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities
276 [*may receive contributions from the federal account of a national*
277 *committee of a political party, but*] may not receive contributions from
278 any [*other*] account of a national committee of a political party or from
279 a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office.

280 Sec. 7. Section 9-700 of the general statutes is repealed and the
281 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

282 As used in [sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive] this chapter and
283 section 10 of this act:

284 (1) "Commission" means the State Elections Enforcement
285 Commission.

286 (2) "Depository account" means the single checking account at the
287 depository institution designated as the depository for the candidate
288 committee's moneys in accordance with the provisions of subsection
289 (a) of section 9-604.

290 (3) "District office" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-
291 372.

292 (4) "Eligible minor party candidate" means a candidate for election
293 to an office who is nominated by a minor party pursuant to subpart B
294 of part III of chapter 153.

295 (5) "Eligible petitioning party candidate" means a candidate for
296 election to an office pursuant to subpart C of part III of chapter 153
297 whose nominating petition has been approved by the Secretary of the
298 State pursuant to section 9-453o.

299 (6) "Fund" means the Citizens' Election Fund established in section

300 9-701, as amended by this act.

301 (7) "General election campaign" means (A) in the case of a candidate
302 nominated at a primary, the period beginning on the day following the
303 primary and ending on the date the treasurer files the final statement
304 for such campaign pursuant to section 9-608, as amended by this act,
305 or (B) in the case of a candidate nominated without a primary, the
306 period beginning on the day following the day on which the candidate
307 is nominated and ending on the date the treasurer files the final
308 statement for such campaign pursuant to section 9-608, as amended by
309 this act.

310 (8) "Major party" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-372.

311 (9) "Minor party" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-
312 372.

313 (10) "Municipal office" has the same meaning as provided in section
314 9-372.

315 (11) "Primary campaign" means the period beginning on the day
316 following the close of (A) a convention held pursuant to section 9-382
317 for the purpose of endorsing a candidate for nomination to the office of
318 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
319 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state
320 senator or state representative, or (B) a caucus, convention or town
321 committee meeting held pursuant to section 9-390 for the purpose of
322 endorsing a candidate for the municipal office of state senator or state
323 representative, whichever is applicable, and ending on the day of a
324 primary held for the purpose of nominating a candidate for such
325 office.

326 (12) "Qualified candidate committee" means a candidate committee
327 (A) established to aid or promote the success of any candidate for
328 nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
329 Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer, Secretary of the

330 State, state senator or state representative, and (B) approved by the
331 commission to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund under
332 section 9-706, as amended by this act.

333 (13) "Qualifying contribution" means a contribution that is applied
334 toward the amount required to receive a grant under section 9-705, as
335 amended by this act.

336 (14) "Supplemental qualifying contribution" means a contribution
337 received in order to qualify for a supplemental grant under section 10
338 of this act or received in accordance with subdivision (3) of subsection
339 (c) of section 9-702, as amended by this act.

340 Sec. 8. Section 9-702 of the general statutes is repealed and the
341 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

342 (a) There is established a Citizens' Election Program under which (1)
343 the candidate committee of a major party candidate for nomination to
344 the office of state senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter,
345 or the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General,
346 State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or
347 thereafter, may receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for the
348 candidate's primary campaign for said nomination, and (2) the
349 candidate committee of a candidate nominated by a major party, or the
350 candidate committee of an eligible minor party candidate or an eligible
351 petitioning party candidate, (A) for election to the office of state
352 senator or state representative at a special election held on or after
353 December 31, 2006, or at a regular election held in 2008, or thereafter,
354 or (B) for election to the office of Governor, Attorney General, State
355 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or
356 thereafter, may receive a grant from the fund for the candidate's
357 general election campaign for said office.

358 (b) (1) Any such candidate committee is eligible to receive such
359 grants, under sections 9-705 and 9-706, as amended by this act, for a
360 primary campaign, if applicable, and a general election campaign if

361 [(1)] (A) the candidate certifies as a participating candidate under
362 section 9-703, as amended by this act, [(2)] (B) the candidate's
363 candidate committee receives the required amount of qualifying
364 contributions under section 9-704, as amended by this act, [(3)] (C) the
365 candidate's candidate committee returns or transmits to the State
366 Elections Enforcement Commission for deposit in the Citizens' Election
367 Fund all contributions that do not meet the criteria for qualifying
368 contributions under section 9-704, as amended by this act, [(4)] (D) the
369 candidate agrees to limit the campaign expenditures of the candidate's
370 candidate committee in accordance with the provisions of subsection
371 (c) of this section, and [(5)] (E) the candidate submits an application
372 and the commission approves the application in accordance with the
373 provisions of section 9-706, as amended by this act.

374 (2) After receiving a grant under sections 9-705 and 9-706, as
375 amended by this act, a qualified candidate committee of a candidate
376 for the office of Governor may then qualify for a supplemental grant
377 under section 10 of this act.

378 (c) (1) A candidate participating in the Citizens' Election Program
379 shall limit the expenditures of the candidate's candidate committee (A)
380 before a primary campaign and a general election campaign, to the
381 amount of qualifying contributions permitted in section 9-704, as
382 amended by this act, and any personal funds provided by the
383 candidate under subsection (c) of section 9-710, as amended by this act,
384 (B) for a primary campaign, to the sum of (i) the amount of such
385 qualifying contributions and personal funds that have not been spent
386 before the primary campaign, [and] (ii) the amount of the grant for the
387 primary campaign authorized under section 9-705, as amended by this
388 act, (iii) the amount of any supplemental grant for the primary
389 campaign authorized under section 10 of this act, if applicable, for a
390 candidate for the office of Governor, and (iv) the amount of any
391 supplemental qualifying contributions under subdivision (3) of this
392 subsection, if applicable, for a candidate for the office of Governor, and
393 (C) for a general election campaign, to the sum of (i) the amount of

394 such qualifying contributions and personal funds that have not been
395 spent before the general election campaign, (ii) any unexpended funds
396 from any grant for a primary campaign authorized under section 9-
397 705, as amended by this act, or from any supplemental grant for a
398 primary campaign authorized under section 10 of this act, if
399 applicable, [and] (iii) the amount of the grant for the general election
400 campaign authorized under section 9-705, as amended by this act, (iv)
401 the amount of any supplemental grant for the general election
402 campaign authorized under section 10 of this act, if applicable, for a
403 candidate for the office of Governor, and (v) the amount of any
404 supplemental qualifying contributions under subdivision (3) of this
405 subsection for a candidate for the office of Governor.

406 (2) The candidate committee of a minor or petitioning party
407 candidate who has received a general election campaign grant from
408 the fund pursuant to section 9-705, as amended by this act, or an
409 unopposed candidate who is not eligible to receive a grant pursuant to
410 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3) of subsection (j) of section 9-705,
411 as amended by this act, shall be permitted to receive contributions in
412 addition to the qualifying contributions subject to the limitations and
413 restrictions applicable to participating candidates for the same office,
414 provided (I) such minor or petitioning party candidate shall limit the
415 expenditures of the candidate committee for a general election
416 campaign to the sum of the qualifying contributions and personal
417 funds, the amount of the general election campaign grant received and
418 the amount raised in additional contributions that is equivalent to the
419 difference between the amount of the applicable general election
420 campaign grant for a major party candidate for such office and the
421 amount of the general election campaign grant received by such minor
422 or petitioning party candidate, and (II) such unopposed candidate
423 shall limit the expenditures of such candidate's candidate committee
424 for a general election to the sum of the qualifying contributions,
425 personal funds and the amount raised in additional contributions
426 equivalent to thirty per cent of the applicable general election

427 campaign grant under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of section 9-705,
428 as amended by this act.

429 (3) After qualifying for a grant under section 9-705, as amended by
430 this act, a qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
431 Governor that is eligible to receive a supplemental grant under section
432 10 of this act, regardless of whether such candidate committee satisfies
433 application deadlines under section 9-706, as amended by this act, may
434 receive supplemental qualifying contributions subject to the limitations
435 and restrictions under section 9-704, as amended by this act. The
436 amount raised in supplemental qualifying contributions shall not
437 exceed an amount that is equivalent to one-third of the maximum
438 amount of the applicable grant for which such qualified candidate
439 committee would be eligible if such qualified candidate committee
440 received the maximum grant amount under section 10 of this act.

441 (d) For the purposes of this chapter and section 10 of this act, if a
442 qualified candidate committee receives a grant for a primary campaign
443 and has qualifying contributions that have not been spent before the
444 primary campaign, no expenditures by such committee during the
445 primary campaign shall be deemed to have been made from such
446 qualifying contributions until the primary campaign grant funds have
447 been fully spent.

448 (e) [No] Any grants or moneys paid to a qualified candidate
449 committee from the Citizens' Election Fund under this chapter or
450 section 10 of this act shall not be deemed to be public funds under any
451 other provision of the general statutes or any public or special act
452 unless specifically stated by such provision.

453 Sec. 9. Section 9-704 of the general statutes is repealed and the
454 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

455 (a) The amount of qualifying contributions that the candidate
456 committee of a candidate shall be required to receive in order to be
457 eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election Fund under section 9-705,

458 as amended by this act, shall be:

459 (1) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
460 of Governor, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount
461 of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, of which two hundred twenty-
462 five thousand dollars or more is contributed by individuals residing in
463 the state. The provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the
464 following: (A) The candidate committee shall return the portion of any
465 contribution or contributions from any individual, including said
466 candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, and such excess portion
467 shall not be considered in calculating such amounts, and (B) all
468 contributions received by (i) an exploratory committee established by
469 said candidate, or (ii) an exploratory committee or candidate
470 committee of a candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor who is
471 deemed to be jointly campaigning with a candidate for nomination or
472 election to the office of Governor under subsection (a) of section 9-709,
473 which meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate
474 committees under this section shall be considered in calculating such
475 amounts; and

476 (2) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
477 of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
478 Treasurer or Secretary of the State, contributions from individuals in
479 the aggregate amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, of which sixty-
480 seven thousand five hundred dollars or more is contributed by
481 individuals residing in the state. The provisions of this subdivision
482 shall be subject to the following: (A) The candidate committee shall
483 return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any
484 individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars,
485 and such excess portion shall not be considered in calculating such
486 amounts, and (B) all contributions received by an exploratory
487 committee established by said candidate that meet the criteria for
488 qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section
489 shall be considered in calculating such amounts.

490 (3) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
491 of state senator for a district, contributions from individuals in the
492 aggregate amount of fifteen thousand dollars, including contributions
493 from at least three hundred individuals residing in municipalities
494 included, in whole or in part, in said district. The provisions of this
495 subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) The candidate
496 committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions
497 from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one
498 hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in
499 calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this subdivision,
500 (B) no contribution shall be counted for the purposes of the
501 requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least
502 three hundred individuals residing in municipalities included, in
503 whole or in part, in the district unless the contribution is five dollars or
504 more, and (C) all contributions received by an exploratory committee
505 established by said candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying
506 contributions to candidate committees under this section shall be
507 considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under
508 this subdivision and all such exploratory committee contributions that
509 also meet the requirement under this subdivision for contributions
510 from at least three hundred individuals residing in municipalities
511 included, in whole or in part, in the district shall be counted for the
512 purposes of said requirement.

513 (4) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
514 of state representative for a district, contributions from individuals in
515 the aggregate amount of five thousand dollars, including contributions
516 from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities
517 included, in whole or in part, in said district. The provisions of this
518 subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) The candidate
519 committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions
520 from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one
521 hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in
522 calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this subdivision,

523 (B) no contribution shall be counted for the purposes of the
524 requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least one
525 hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole
526 or in part, in the district unless the contribution is five dollars or more,
527 and (C) all contributions received by an exploratory committee
528 established by said candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying
529 contributions to candidate committees under this section shall be
530 considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under
531 this subdivision and all such exploratory committee contributions that
532 also meet the requirement under this subdivision for contributions
533 from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities
534 included, in whole or in part, in the district shall be counted for the
535 purposes of said requirement.

536 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (3) and (4) of
537 this subsection, in the case of a special election for the office of state
538 senator or state representative for a district, (A) the aggregate amount
539 of qualifying contributions that the candidate committee of a candidate
540 for such office shall be required to receive in order to be eligible for a
541 grant from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be seventy-five per cent or
542 more of the corresponding amount required under the applicable said
543 subdivision (3) or (4), and (B) the number of contributions required
544 from individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in
545 part, in said district shall be seventy-five per cent or more of the
546 corresponding number required under the applicable said subdivision
547 (3) or (4).

548 (b) The maximum amount of contributions that a qualified
549 candidate committee described in subsection (a) or (b) of section 10 of
550 this act may receive as supplemental qualifying contributions in order
551 to be eligible for a supplemental grant from the Citizens' Election Fund
552 under said section shall be:

553 (1) In the case of a qualified candidate committee of a major party
554 candidate for the office of Governor who has a primary campaign for

555 nomination to said office, contributions from individuals in an
556 aggregate amount not to exceed one-third of the maximum amount of
557 the supplemental grant for a primary campaign under subsection (a) of
558 section 10 of this act, of which seventy-five per cent or more of the
559 aggregate amount is contributed by individuals residing in the state.
560 The qualified candidate committee shall return the portion of any
561 contribution or contributions from any individual that exceeds one
562 hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in
563 calculating such amounts.

564 (2) In the case of a qualified candidate committee of a candidate for
565 the office of Governor, contributions from individuals in an aggregate
566 amount not to exceed one-third of the maximum amount of the
567 supplemental grant for a general election campaign under subsection
568 (a) of section 10 of this act, of which seventy-five per cent or more of
569 the aggregate amount is contributed by individuals residing in the
570 state. The qualified candidate committee shall return the portion of any
571 contribution or contributions from any individual that exceeds one
572 hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in
573 calculating such amounts.

574 [(b)] (c) Each individual who makes a contribution of more than
575 fifty dollars to a candidate committee established to aid or promote the
576 success of a participating candidate for nomination or election shall
577 include with the contribution a certification that contains the same
578 information described in subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 9-
579 608, as amended by this act, and shall follow the same procedure
580 prescribed in said subsection.

581 [(c)] (d) The following shall not be deemed to be qualifying
582 contributions under subsection (a) of this section or supplemental
583 qualifying contributions under subsection (b) of this section and shall
584 be returned by the treasurer of the candidate committee to the
585 contributor or transmitted to the State Elections Enforcement
586 Commission for deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund:

587 (1) A contribution from a principal of a state contractor or
588 prospective state contractor;

589 (2) A contribution of less than five dollars, and a contribution of five
590 dollars or more from an individual who does not provide the full name
591 and complete address of the individual;

592 (3) A contribution under subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of
593 this section or under subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of this
594 section from an individual who does not reside in the state, in excess of
595 the applicable limit on contributions from out-of-state individuals in
596 subsection (a) or (b) of this section; and

597 (4) A contribution made by a youth who is less than twelve years of
598 age.

599 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) (1) After a candidate committee receives the applicable
600 aggregate amount of qualifying contributions under subsection (a) of
601 this section or supplemental qualifying contributions under subsection
602 (b) of this section, the candidate committee shall transmit any
603 additional contributions that it receives to the State Treasurer for
604 deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund, except as provided in
605 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

606 (2) If a qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
607 Governor is eligible for a supplemental grant under section 10 of this
608 act, the qualified candidate committee may use excess qualifying
609 contributions, the aggregate amount of which shall be not more than
610 twenty per cent of the applicable aggregate amount of qualifying
611 contributions under subsection (a) of this section, as supplemental
612 qualifying contributions under subsection (b) of this section. If a
613 qualified candidate committee for the office of Governor is eligible for
614 a supplemental grant for a primary campaign under section 10 of this
615 act, the qualified candidate committee may use excess supplemental
616 qualifying contributions, the aggregate amount of which shall be not
617 more than twenty per cent of the applicable aggregate amount of

618 supplemental qualifying contributions for a primary campaign grant,
619 as supplemental qualifying contributions for a supplemental grant for
620 the general election campaign under section 10 of this act.

621 (f) Any individual making a qualifying contribution under
622 subsection (a) of this section to a candidate committee for a candidate
623 for the office of Governor in an amount that does not exceed one
624 hundred dollars may make an additional qualifying contribution
625 under subsection (b) of this section to the qualified candidate
626 committee for such candidate in an amount not to exceed one hundred
627 dollars.

628 ~~[(e)]~~ (g) As used in this section, "principal of a state contractor or
629 prospective state contractor" has the same meaning as provided in
630 subsection (g) of section 9-612, and "individual" shall include sole
631 proprietorships.

632 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) (1) (A) The qualified
633 candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of
634 Governor who has a primary for nomination to said office may be
635 eligible, in accordance with the provisions of this section, to receive a
636 supplemental grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for the primary
637 campaign in addition to a grant received pursuant to subdivision (1) of
638 subsection (a) of section 9-705 of the general statutes, as amended by
639 this act.

640 (B) The amount of a supplemental grant for the primary campaign
641 pursuant to this subdivision shall be determined pursuant to
642 subsection (b) of this section, but in no case shall exceed the maximum
643 amount provided for in this subparagraph. In the case of a primary
644 held in 2018, the maximum amount of such supplemental grant for the
645 primary campaign shall be seventy-five per cent of the grant for the
646 primary campaign authorized under subdivision (1) of subsection (a)
647 of section 9-705 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

648 (2) (A) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the

649 office of Governor that received a grant from the Citizens' Election
650 Fund for the general election campaign pursuant to section 9-705 of the
651 general statutes, as amended by this act, may be eligible, in accordance
652 with the provisions of this section, to receive a supplemental grant
653 from the fund for the general election campaign in addition to a grant
654 received pursuant to subsection (a) of section 9-705 of the general
655 statutes, as amended by this act.

656 (B) The amount of a supplemental grant for the general election
657 campaign pursuant to this subdivision shall be determined pursuant to
658 subsection (b) of this section, but in no case shall exceed the maximum
659 amount provided for in this subparagraph. In the case of an election
660 held in 2018, the maximum amount of such supplemental grant for the
661 general election campaign shall be seventy-five per cent of the
662 applicable grant for the general election campaign authorized under
663 section 9-705 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, for such
664 qualified candidate committee described in subparagraph (A) of this
665 subdivision.

666 (b) (1) Any qualified candidate committee described in subsection
667 (a) of this section is eligible to receive a supplemental grant for a
668 primary campaign, if applicable, and for a general election campaign if
669 (A) the qualified candidate committee receives supplemental
670 qualifying contributions for a supplemental grant under section 9-704
671 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, (B) the qualified
672 candidate committee returns all contributions that do not meet the
673 criteria for supplemental qualifying contributions under said section,
674 (C) the participating candidate agrees to limit such candidate's
675 qualified candidate committee's campaign expenditures in accordance
676 with the provisions of section 9-702 of the general statutes, as amended
677 by this act, and (D) the qualified candidate committee submits an
678 application, and the State Elections Enforcement Commission
679 approves such application, in accordance with the provisions of this
680 section and subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-706 of the general
681 statutes, as amended by this act.

682 (2) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall review each
683 application described in subdivision (1) of this subsection in
684 accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of section 9-706 of the
685 general statutes, as amended by this act. If the commission approves
686 the application of any such qualified candidate committee described in
687 subdivision (1) of this subsection, the amount of any supplemental
688 grant payable to such committee shall be equal to three times the
689 amount of contributions received by such committee that qualify as
690 supplemental qualifying contributions for a supplemental grant under
691 section 9-704 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, but in no
692 case shall the amount of such supplemental grant exceed the
693 maximum amount applicable to such committee under subsection (a)
694 of this section. The commission shall authorize the payment of such
695 supplemental grant in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d)
696 of section 9-706 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

697 Sec. 11. Subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of subsection (j) of section
698 9-705 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is
699 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

700 (1) The initial grant that a qualified candidate committee for a
701 candidate is eligible to receive under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of
702 this section shall be reduced by the amount of any personal funds that
703 the candidate provides for the candidate's campaign for nomination or
704 election pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-710;

705 (2) If a participating candidate is nominated at a primary and does
706 not expend the entire grant for the primary campaign authorized
707 under subsection (a), (b), (e) or (f) of this section, or does not expend
708 the entire supplemental grant for the primary campaign authorized
709 under section 10 of this act, if applicable, the amount of the grant for
710 the general election campaign shall be reduced by the total amount of
711 any such unexpended [primary campaign] grant and supplemental
712 grant for the primary campaign and moneys;

713 (3) (A) If a participating candidate who is nominated for election
 714 does not have [any] an opponent in the general election campaign, [the
 715 amount of the] such candidate shall not be eligible for a general
 716 election campaign grant, [for which the qualified candidate committee
 717 for said candidate shall be eligible shall be thirty per cent of the
 718 applicable amount set forth in subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this
 719 section.] For purposes of this subdivision, a participating candidate
 720 shall be deemed to have an opponent if [(A)] (i) a major party has
 721 properly endorsed any other candidate and made the requisite filing
 722 with the Secretary of the State within the time specified in [section 9-
 723 391 or 9-400, as applicable, (B)] chapter 153, (ii) any candidate of any
 724 other major party has received not less than fifteen per cent of the vote
 725 of convention delegates and has complied with the filing requirements
 726 set forth in section 9-400, or [(C)] (iii) any candidate of any other major
 727 party has circulated a petition and obtained the required number of
 728 signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination and has either
 729 qualified for the primary or been deemed the party's nominee;

730 (B) If a participating candidate who is nominated for election and
 731 who was previously deemed to not have an opponent under
 732 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision is subsequently deemed to have
 733 an opponent in the general election campaign, the qualified candidate
 734 committee of such participating candidate shall be eligible to receive a
 735 general election grant under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this
 736 section and the amount of such grant shall be reduced by the amount
 737 of any additional contributions raised, pursuant to subsection (c) of
 738 section 9-702, as amended by this act, during the period when such
 739 candidate was deemed to not have an opponent;

740 Sec. 12. Subsections (b) to (g), inclusive, of section 9-706 of the
 741 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 742 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

743 (b) The application shall include a written certification that:

744 (1) The candidate committee has received the required amount of
745 qualifying contributions;

746 (2) The candidate committee has repaid all moneys borrowed on
747 behalf of the campaign, as required by subsection (b) of section 9-710;

748 (3) The candidate committee has returned any contribution of five
749 dollars or more from an individual who does not include the
750 individual's name and address with the contribution;

751 (4) The candidate committee has returned all contributions or
752 portions of contributions that do not meet the criteria for qualifying
753 contributions under section 9-704, as amended by this act, and
754 transmitted all excess qualifying contributions and supplemental
755 qualifying contributions to the Citizens' Election Fund, except as
756 provided under subsection (e) of said section;

757 (5) The treasurer of the candidate committee will: (A) Comply with
758 the provisions of chapter 155 and this chapter, and (B) maintain and
759 furnish all records required pursuant to chapter 155 and this chapter
760 and any regulation adopted pursuant to such chapters;

761 (6) All moneys received from the Citizens' Election Fund will be
762 deposited upon receipt into the depository account of the candidate
763 committee;

764 (7) The treasurer of the candidate committee will expend all moneys
765 received from the fund in accordance with the provisions of subsection
766 (g) of section 9-607 and regulations adopted by the State Elections
767 Enforcement Commission under subsection (e) of this section;

768 (8) If the candidate withdraws from the campaign, becomes
769 ineligible or dies during the campaign, the candidate committee of the
770 candidate will return to the commission, for deposit in the fund, all
771 moneys received from the fund pursuant to [sections 9-700 to 9-716,
772 inclusive] this chapter and section 10 of this act, which said candidate

773 committee has not spent as of the date of such occurrence;

774 (9) All outstanding civil penalties or forfeitures assessed pursuant to
775 chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, against the current or any former
776 committee of the candidate have been paid, provided (A) in the case of
777 any candidate seeking nomination for or election to the office of
778 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
779 Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, any such penalty or forfeiture
780 was assessed not later than twenty-four months prior to the
781 submission of an application pursuant to this section; or (B) in the case
782 of any candidate seeking nomination for or election to the office of
783 state senator or state representative, any such penalty or forfeiture was
784 assessed not later than twelve months prior to the submission of an
785 application pursuant to this section;

786 (10) The treasurer has paid any civil penalties or forfeitures assessed
787 pursuant to chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, and has not been convicted
788 of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, in a court of competent
789 jurisdiction, any (A) felony involving fraud, forgery, larceny,
790 embezzlement or bribery, or (B) criminal offense under this title, unless
791 at least eight years have elapsed from the date of the conviction or plea
792 or the completion of any sentence, whichever date is later, without a
793 subsequent conviction of or plea to another such felony or offense;

794 (11) The candidate has not been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo
795 contendere to, in a court of competent jurisdiction, a criminal offense
796 under this title unless at least eight years have elapsed from the date of
797 the conviction or plea or the completion of any sentence, whichever
798 date is later, without a subsequent conviction of or plea to another
799 such offense; and

800 (12) The candidate has never been convicted of or pled guilty or
801 nolo contendere to, in a court of competent jurisdiction, a felony
802 related to the individual's public office, other than a criminal offense
803 under this title in accordance with subdivision (11) of this subsection.

804 (c) The application shall be accompanied by a cumulative itemized
805 accounting of all funds received, expenditures made and expenses
806 incurred but not yet paid by the candidate committee as of three days
807 preceding the day the application is filed. Such accounting shall be
808 sworn to under penalty of false statement by the treasurer of the
809 candidate committee. The commission shall prescribe the form of the
810 application and the cumulative itemized accounting. The form for such
811 accounting shall conform to the requirements of section 9-608, as
812 amended by this act. Both the candidate and the treasurer of the
813 candidate committee shall sign the application.

814 (d) In accordance with the provisions of subsection (g) of this
815 section, the commission shall review the application, determine
816 whether (1) the candidate committee for the applicant has received the
817 required qualifying contributions, (2) in the case of an application for a
818 grant from the fund for a primary campaign, the applicant has met the
819 applicable condition under subsection (a) of this section for applying
820 for such grant and complied with the provisions of subsections (b) and
821 (c) of this section, (3) in the case of an application for a grant from the
822 fund for a general election campaign, the applicant has met the
823 applicable condition under subsection (a) of this section for applying
824 for such moneys and complied with the provisions of subsections (b)
825 and (c) of this section, and (4) in the case of an application by a minor
826 party or petitioning party candidate for a grant from the fund for a
827 general election campaign, the applicant qualifies as an eligible minor
828 party candidate or an eligible petitioning party candidate, whichever is
829 applicable. If the commission approves an application, the commission
830 shall determine the amount of the grant payable to the candidate
831 committee for the applicant pursuant to section 9-705, as amended by
832 this act, or section 10 of this act, from the fund, and notify the State
833 Comptroller and the candidate of such candidate committee, of such
834 amount. If the timing of the commission's approval of the grant in
835 relation to the Secretary of the State's determination of ballot status is
836 such that the commission cannot determine whether the qualified

837 candidate committee is entitled to the applicable full initial grant for
838 the primary or election or the applicable partial grant for the primary
839 or election, as the case may be, the commission shall approve the lesser
840 applicable partial initial grant. The commission shall then authorize
841 the payment of the remaining portion of the applicable grant after the
842 commission has knowledge of the circumstances regarding the ballot
843 status of the opposing candidates in such primary or election. Not later
844 than two business days following notification by the commission, the
845 State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer for
846 payment of any such approved amount to the qualified candidate
847 committee from the fund.

848 (e) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall adopt
849 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, on
850 permissible expenditures under subsection (g) of section 9-607 for
851 qualified candidate committees receiving grants from the fund [under
852 sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive] pursuant to this chapter and section
853 10 of this act.

854 (f) If a nominated participating candidate dies, withdraws the
855 candidate's candidacy or becomes disqualified to hold the office for
856 which the candidate has been nominated after the commission
857 approves the candidate's application for a grant under this section, the
858 candidate committee of the candidate who is nominated to replace said
859 candidate pursuant to section 9-460 shall be eligible to receive grants
860 from the fund without complying with the provisions of section 9-704,
861 as amended by this act, if said replacement candidate files an affidavit
862 under section 9-703, as amended by this act, certifying the candidate's
863 intent to abide by the expenditure limits set forth in subsection (c) of
864 section 9-702, as amended by this act, and notifies the commission on a
865 form prescribed by the commission.

866 (g) (1) Any application submitted pursuant to this section for a grant
867 for the primary or general election campaign under section 9-705, as
868 amended by this act, or a supplemental grant for the primary or

869 general election campaign under section 10 of this act, shall be
870 submitted in accordance with the following schedule: (A) By five
871 o'clock p.m. on the third Wednesday in May of the year that the
872 primary or election will be held at which such participating candidate
873 will seek nomination or election, or (B) by five o'clock p.m. on any
874 subsequent Wednesday of such year, provided no application shall be
875 accepted by the commission after five o'clock p.m. on or after the
876 fourth to last Friday prior to the primary or election at which such
877 participating candidate will seek nomination or election. Not later than
878 five business days following any such Wednesday or Friday, as
879 applicable, for participating candidates seeking nomination or election
880 to the office of state senator or state representative, or ten business
881 days following any such Wednesday or Friday, as applicable, for
882 participating candidates seeking nomination or election to the office of
883 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
884 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or, in the event of a national,
885 regional or local emergency or local natural disaster, as soon thereafter
886 as is practicable, the commission shall review any application received
887 by such Wednesday or Friday, in accordance with the provisions of
888 subsection (d) of this section, and determine whether such application
889 shall be approved or disapproved. Notwithstanding the provisions of
890 this subsection, if an application for a grant for the general election
891 [grant] campaign under section 9-705, as amended by this act, or a
892 supplemental grant for the general election campaign under section 10
893 of this act, is received during the period beginning at five o'clock p.m.
894 on the Wednesday of the week preceding the week of the last primary
895 application deadline and ending five o'clock p.m. on the last primary
896 application deadline, as set forth in this subsection, the commission
897 shall review such application in accordance with the provisions of
898 subsection (d) of this section and determine whether it shall be
899 approved or disapproved not later than five business days or ten
900 business days, as applicable, after the first application deadline
901 following the last primary application deadline. For any such
902 application that is approved, any disbursement of funds by the

903 commission shall be made not later than twelve business days prior to
904 any such primary or general election. From the third week of June in
905 even-numbered years until the third week in July, the commission
906 shall meet twice weekly to determine whether or not to approve
907 applications for grants if there are pending grant applications.

908 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
909 subsection, no application for a special election shall be accepted by
910 the commission after five o'clock p.m. on or after ten business days
911 prior to the special election at which such participating candidate will
912 seek election. Not later than three business days following such
913 deadline, or, in the event of a national, regional or local emergency or
914 local natural disaster, as soon thereafter as practicable, the commission
915 shall review any such application received by such deadline, in
916 accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, and
917 determine whether such application shall be approved or disapproved.
918 For any such application that is approved, any disbursement of funds
919 by the commission shall be made not later than seven business days
920 prior to any such special election.

921 (3) The commission shall publish such application review schedules
922 and meeting schedules on the commission's web site and with the
923 Secretary of the State.

924 Sec. 13. Section 9-701 of the general statutes is repealed and the
925 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

926 There is established the "Citizens' Election Fund", which shall be a
927 separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The fund may
928 contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the fund.
929 Investment earnings credited to the assets of the fund shall become
930 part of the assets of the fund. The State Treasurer shall administer the
931 fund. All moneys deposited in the fund shall be used for the purposes
932 of [sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive] this chapter and section 10 of this
933 act.

934 Sec. 14. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 9-703 of the general
935 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
936 (*Effective from passage*):

937 (b) A candidate who so certifies the candidate's intent to abide by
938 the expenditure limits under the Citizens' Election Program set forth in
939 subsection (c) of section 9-702, as amended by this act, shall be referred
940 to in [sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive,] this chapter and section 10 of
941 this act as a "participating candidate" and a candidate who so certifies
942 the candidate's intent to not abide by said limits shall be referred to in
943 sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive, as amended by this act, as a
944 "nonparticipating candidate". The commission shall prepare a list of
945 the participating candidates and a list of the nonparticipating
946 candidates and shall make such lists available for public inspection.

947 (c) A participating candidate may withdraw from participation in
948 the Citizens' Election Program before applying for an initial grant
949 under section 9-706, as amended by this act, by filing an affidavit with
950 the State Elections Enforcement Commission, which includes a written
951 certification of such withdrawal. A candidate who files such an
952 affidavit shall be deemed to be a nonparticipating candidate for the
953 purposes of [sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive] this chapter and section
954 10 of this act, and shall not be penalized for such withdrawal. No
955 participating candidate shall withdraw from participation in the
956 Citizens' Election Program after applying for an initial grant under
957 section 9-706, as amended by this act.

958 Sec. 15. Section 9-707 of the general statutes is repealed and the
959 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

960 Following the initial deposit of moneys from the Citizens' Election
961 Fund into the depository account of a qualified candidate committee,
962 no contribution, loan, amount of the candidate's own moneys or any
963 other moneys received by the candidate or the treasurer on behalf of
964 the committee shall be deposited into said depository account, (1)

965 except grants under section 9-705, as amended by this act, and
966 supplemental grants under section 10 of this act from the fund, [and]
967 (2) any supplemental qualifying contributions received in accordance
968 with the provisions of subsection (b) of section 9-704, as amended by
969 this act, or the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section
970 9-702, as amended by this act, and (3) reimbursement from another
971 candidate committee for shared expenses as provided pursuant to
972 subsection (b) of section 9-610.

973 Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 9-711 of the general statutes is
974 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
975 *passage*):

976 (a) If an expenditure in excess of the applicable expenditure limit set
977 forth in subsection (c) of section 9-702, as amended by this act, is made
978 or incurred by a qualified candidate committee that receives a grant
979 from the Citizens' Election Fund pursuant to section 9-706, as amended
980 by this act, (1) the candidate and treasurer of said committee shall be
981 jointly and severally liable for paying for the excess expenditure, (2)
982 the committee shall not receive any additional grants or moneys from
983 the fund for the remainder of the election cycle if the State Elections
984 Enforcement Commission determines that the candidate or treasurer of
985 said committee had knowledge of the excess expenditure, (3) the
986 treasurer shall be subject to penalties under section 9-7b, and (4) the
987 candidate of said candidate committee shall be deemed to be a
988 nonparticipating candidate for the purposes of [sections 9-700 to 9-716,
989 inclusive,] this chapter and section 10 of this act if the commission
990 determines that the candidate or treasurer of said committee had
991 knowledge of the excess expenditure. The commission may waive the
992 provisions of this subsection upon determining that an excess
993 expenditure is de minimis. The commission shall adopt regulations, in
994 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, establishing standards
995 for making such determinations. Such standards shall include, but not
996 be limited to, a finding by the commission that the candidate or
997 treasurer has, from the candidate's or treasurer's personal funds, either

998 paid the excess expenditure or reimbursed the qualified candidate
999 committee for its payment of the excess expenditure.

1000 Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 9-712 of the general statutes is
1001 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1002 *passage*):

1003 (b) (1) As used in this section, "excess expenditure" means an
1004 expenditure made, or obligated to be made, by a nonparticipating or a
1005 participating candidate who is opposed by one or more other
1006 participating candidates in a primary campaign or a general election
1007 campaign, which is in excess of the amount of the applicable limit on
1008 expenditures for said participating candidates for said campaign, [and
1009 which is the sum of (A) the applicable qualifying contributions that the
1010 participating candidate is required to receive under section 9-704 to be
1011 eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election Fund, and (B) one
1012 hundred per cent of the applicable full grant amount for a major party
1013 candidate authorized under section 9-705 for the applicable campaign
1014 period] as set forth in subsection (c) of section 9-702, as amended by
1015 this act.

1016 (2) The commission shall confirm whether an expenditure described
1017 in a declaration filed under this subsection is an excess expenditure.

1018 Sec. 18. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-716 of the general
1019 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1020 (*Effective from passage*):

1021 (a) Not later than June 1, 2007, and annually thereafter, the State
1022 Elections Enforcement Commission shall issue a report on the status of
1023 the Citizens' Election Fund during the previous calendar year. Such
1024 report shall include the amount of moneys deposited in the fund, the
1025 sources of moneys received by category, the number of contributions,
1026 the number of contributors, the amount of moneys expended by
1027 category, the recipients of moneys distributed from the fund and an
1028 accounting of the costs incurred by the commission in administering

1029 the provisions of this chapter and section 10 of this act.

1030 (b) Not later than January first in any year in which a state election
1031 is to be held, the commission shall determine whether the amount of
1032 moneys in the fund is sufficient to carry out the purposes of this
1033 chapter and section 10 of this act. The commission shall issue a report
1034 on said determination.

1035 Sec. 19. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-601a of the general
1036 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1037 (*Effective from passage*):

1038 (a) As used in this chapter, [and] chapter 157 and section 10 of this
1039 act, "contribution" means:

1040 (1) Any gift, subscription, loan, advance, payment or deposit of
1041 money or anything of value, made to promote the success or defeat of
1042 any candidate seeking the nomination for election, or election or for
1043 the purpose of aiding or promoting the success or defeat of any
1044 referendum question or the success or defeat of any political party;

1045 (2) A written contract, promise or agreement to make a contribution
1046 for any such purpose;

1047 (3) The payment by any person, other than a candidate or treasurer,
1048 of compensation for the personal services of any other person which
1049 are rendered without charge to a committee or candidate for any such
1050 purpose;

1051 (4) An expenditure that is not an independent expenditure; or

1052 (5) Funds received by a committee which are transferred from
1053 another committee or other source for any such purpose.

1054 (b) As used in this chapter, [and] chapter 157 and section 10 of this
1055 act, "contribution" does not mean:

1056 (1) A loan of money made in the ordinary course of business by a
1057 national or state bank;

1058 (2) Any communication made by a corporation, organization or
1059 association solely to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or
1060 administrative personnel, or their families;

1061 (3) Nonpartisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns
1062 by any corporation, organization or association aimed at its members,
1063 owners, stockholders, executive or administrative personnel, or their
1064 families;

1065 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
1066 their time on behalf of a party committee, political committee, slate
1067 committee or candidate committee, including any services provided
1068 for the benefit of nonparticipating and participating candidates under
1069 the Citizens' Election Program and any unreimbursed travel expenses
1070 made by an individual who volunteers the individual's personal
1071 services to any such committee. For purposes of this subdivision, an
1072 individual is a volunteer if such individual is not receiving
1073 compensation for such services regardless of whether such individual
1074 received compensation in the past or may receive compensation for
1075 similar services that may be performed in the future;

1076 (5) The use of real or personal property, a portion or all of the cost of
1077 invitations and the cost of food or beverages, voluntarily provided by
1078 an individual to a candidate, including a nonparticipating or
1079 participating candidate under the Citizens' Election Program, or to a
1080 party, political or slate committee, in rendering voluntary personal
1081 services at the individual's residential premises or a community room
1082 in the individual's residence facility, to the extent that the cumulative
1083 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an individual
1084 on behalf of any candidate or committee does not exceed four hundred
1085 dollars with respect to any single event or does not exceed eight
1086 hundred dollars for any such event hosted by two or more individuals,

1087 provided at least one such individual owns or resides at the residential
1088 premises, and further provided the cumulative value of the invitations,
1089 food or beverages provided by an individual on behalf of any such
1090 candidate or committee does not exceed eight hundred dollars with
1091 respect to a calendar year or single election, as the case may be;

1092 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use by a party, political, slate or
1093 candidate committee, including those for a participating or
1094 nonparticipating candidate, at a discount, if the charge is not less than
1095 the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative value of the
1096 discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate committee does
1097 not exceed four hundred dollars with respect to any single primary or
1098 election, or to or on behalf of any party, political or slate committee,
1099 does not exceed six hundred dollars in a calendar year;

1100 (7) The display of a lawn sign by a human being or on real property;

1101 (8) The payment, by a party committee or slate committee of the
1102 costs of preparation, display, mailing or other distribution incurred by
1103 the committee or individual with respect to any printed slate card,
1104 sample ballot or other printed list containing the names of three or
1105 more candidates;

1106 (9) The donation of any item of personal property by an individual
1107 to a committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction,
1108 or the purchase by an individual of any such item at such an affair, to
1109 the extent that the cumulative value donated or purchased does not
1110 exceed one hundred dollars;

1111 (10) (A) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies
1112 the purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by the
1113 candidate committee of a candidate for an office of a municipality,
1114 provided the cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two
1115 hundred fifty dollars from any single such candidate or the candidate's
1116 committee with respect to any single election campaign if the
1117 purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars for purchases by any

1118 other person;

1119 (B) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
1120 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair or on signs at a fund-
1121 raising affair sponsored by a party committee or a political committee,
1122 other than an exploratory committee, provided the cumulative
1123 purchase of such space does not exceed two hundred fifty dollars from
1124 any single party committee or a political committee, other than an
1125 exploratory committee, in any calendar year if the purchaser is a
1126 business entity or fifty dollars for purchases by any other person.
1127 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subparagraph, the following
1128 may not purchase advertising space in a program for a fund-raising
1129 affair or on signs at a fund-raising affair sponsored by a party
1130 committee or a political committee, other than an exploratory
1131 committee: (i) A communicator lobbyist, (ii) a member of the
1132 immediate family of a communicator lobbyist, (iii) a state contractor,
1133 (iv) a prospective state contractor, or (v) a principal of a state
1134 contractor or prospective state contractor. As used in this
1135 subparagraph, "state contractor", "prospective state contractor" and
1136 "principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" have the
1137 same meanings as provided in subsection (f) of section 9-612;

1138 (11) The payment of money by a candidate to the candidate's
1139 candidate committee, provided the committee is for a nonparticipating
1140 candidate;

1141 (12) The donation of goods or services by a business entity to a
1142 committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction, to
1143 the extent that the cumulative value donated does not exceed two
1144 hundred dollars;

1145 (13) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a
1146 telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications
1147 service for a committee or to another utility company, such as an
1148 electric distribution company, provided the security deposit is

1149 refunded to the individual;

1150 (14) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and managerial
1151 support, and broadcast time by a community antenna television
1152 company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access
1153 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major
1154 purpose of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to
1155 influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such
1156 facilities, equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a
1157 political party;

1158 (15) The sale of food or beverage by a town committee to an
1159 individual at a town fair, county fair, local festival or similar mass
1160 gathering held within the state, to the extent that the cumulative
1161 payment made by any one individual for such items does not exceed
1162 fifty dollars;

1163 (16) An organization expenditure by a party committee, legislative
1164 caucus committee or legislative leadership committee;

1165 (17) The donation of food or beverage by an individual for
1166 consumption at a slate, candidate, political committee or party
1167 committee meeting, event or activity that is not a fund-raising affair to
1168 the extent that the cumulative value of the food or beverages donated
1169 by an individual for a single meeting or event does not exceed fifty
1170 dollars;

1171 (18) The value associated with the de minimis activity on behalf of a
1172 party committee, political committee, slate committee or candidate
1173 committee, including for activities including, but not limited to, (A) the
1174 creation of electronic or written communications or digital photos or
1175 video as part of an electronic file created on a voluntary basis without
1176 compensation, including, but not limited to, the creation and ongoing
1177 content development and delivery of social media on the Internet or
1178 telephone, including, but not limited to, the sending or receiving of
1179 electronic mail or messages, (B) the posting or display of a candidate's

1180 name or group of candidates' names at a town fair, county fair, local
1181 festival or similar mass gathering by a party committee, (C) the use of
1182 personal property or a service that is customarily attendant to the
1183 occupancy of a residential dwelling, or the donation of an item or
1184 items of personal property that are customarily used for campaign
1185 purposes, by an individual, to a candidate committee, provided the
1186 cumulative fair market value of such use of personal property or
1187 service or items of personal property does not exceed one hundred
1188 dollars in the aggregate for any single election or calendar year, as the
1189 case may be;

1190 (19) The use of offices, telephones, computers and similar
1191 equipment provided by a party committee, legislative caucus
1192 committee or legislative leadership committee that serve as
1193 headquarters for or are used by such party committee, legislative
1194 caucus committee or legislative leadership committee;

1195 (20) A communication, as described in subdivision (7) of subsection
1196 (b) of section 9-601b;

1197 (21) An independent expenditure, as defined in section 9-601c;

1198 (22) A communication containing an endorsement on behalf of a
1199 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor,
1200 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State
1201 Comptroller, Attorney General, state senator or state representative,
1202 from a candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
1203 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, Attorney
1204 General, state senator or state representative, provided the candidate
1205 (A) making the endorsement is unopposed at the time of the
1206 communication, and (B) being endorsed paid for such communication;

1207 (23) A communication that is sent by mail to addresses in the district
1208 for which a candidate being endorsed by another candidate pursuant
1209 to this subdivision is seeking nomination or election to the office of
1210 state senator or state representative, containing an endorsement on

1211 behalf of such candidate for such nomination or election from a
1212 candidate for the office of state senator or state representative,
1213 provided the candidate (A) making the endorsement is not seeking
1214 election to the office of state senator or state representative for a
1215 district that contains any geographical area shared by the district for
1216 the office to which the endorsed candidate is seeking nomination or
1217 election, and (B) being endorsed paid for such communication; or

1218 (24) Campaign training events provided to multiple individuals by
1219 a legislative caucus committee and any associated materials, provided
1220 the cumulative value of such events and materials does not exceed six
1221 thousand dollars in the aggregate for a calendar year.

1222 Sec. 20. Section 9-718 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1223 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1224 (a) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes and
1225 except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, no town committee
1226 [, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee]
1227 shall make an organization expenditure for the benefit of a
1228 participating candidate or the candidate committee of a participating
1229 candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office of state
1230 senator in an amount that exceeds ten thousand dollars for the general
1231 election campaign.

1232 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no state
1233 central committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative
1234 leadership committee shall make an organization expenditure for the
1235 benefit of a participating candidate or the candidate committee of a
1236 participating candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office
1237 of state senator in an amount that exceeds one-fourth of the applicable
1238 full grant amount for a major party candidate authorized under section
1239 9-705, as amended by this act, for the applicable campaign period.

1240 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes no party
1241 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership

1242 committee shall make an organization expenditure for the purposes
1243 described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (25) of section 9-601 for
1244 the benefit of a participating candidate or the candidate committee of a
1245 participating candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office
1246 of state senator for the primary campaign.

1247 (c) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes and
1248 except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, no town committee
1249 [legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee]
1250 shall make an organization expenditure for the benefit of a
1251 participating candidate or the candidate committee of a participating
1252 candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office of state
1253 representative in an amount that exceeds three thousand five hundred
1254 dollars for the general election campaign.

1255 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no state
1256 central committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative
1257 leadership committee shall make an organization expenditure for the
1258 benefit of a participating candidate of the candidate committee of a
1259 participating candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office
1260 of state representative in an amount that exceeds one-fourth of the
1261 applicable full grant amount for a major party candidate authorized
1262 under section 9-705, as amended by this act, for the applicable
1263 campaign period.

1264 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no party
1265 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
1266 committee shall make an organization expenditure for the purposes
1267 described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (25) of section 9-601 for
1268 the benefit of a participating candidate or the candidate committee of a
1269 participating candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office
1270 of state representative for the primary campaign.

1271 (e) For any election held in 2014, and thereafter, the amount of the
1272 limitations on organization expenditures provided in subsections (a)

1273 and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections
1274 Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2014, and
1275 biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer
1276 price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States
1277 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period
1278 beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December thirty-first in
1279 the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

1280 Sec. 21. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-7a of the
1281 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1282 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

1283 (2) On and after July 1, 2011, and before July 1, 2017, members shall
1284 be appointed for terms of three years from July first in the year of their
1285 appointment and shall be appointed by the person holding the same
1286 office as was held by the person making the original appointment,
1287 provided any person chosen to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only
1288 for the unexpired term of the member whom he or she shall succeed.
1289 [On and after July 1, 2011, no] On and after July 1, 2017, any member
1290 may serve more than two consecutive terms, [except that] and any
1291 member serving on said date, may serve until a successor is appointed
1292 and has qualified. All appointments shall be made with the consent of
1293 the state Senate and House of Representatives. No person who has
1294 served during any part of the three-year period prior to the
1295 appointment as a political party officer, shall be appointed to
1296 membership on the commission. For purposes of this subsection,
1297 "political party officer" means an officer of a national committee of a
1298 political party, state central or town committee. The commission shall
1299 elect one of its members to serve as chairperson and another member
1300 to serve as vice-chairperson. Each member of the commission shall be
1301 compensated at the rate of two hundred dollars per day for any day on
1302 which he participates in a regular commission meeting or hearing, and
1303 shall be paid by the state for his reasonable expenses, including
1304 necessary stenographic and clerical help.

1305 Sec. 22. Section 9-750 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1306 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1307 [(a)] If, (1) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, or any fiscal year
1308 thereafter, the amount of funds available under section 3-69a for
1309 deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 9-701, as
1310 amended by this act, is less than the amount of funds required under
1311 said section 3-69a to be deposited in said fund, resulting in an
1312 insufficiency in the amount of the deposit, or (2) during an election
1313 cycle the amount of funds in the Citizens' Election Fund is less than the
1314 amount of funds required to provide grants to each qualified
1315 candidate committee pursuant to the provisions of this chapter,
1316 resulting in an insufficiency in said fund, a portion of the revenues
1317 from the tax imposed under chapter 208, equal to the amount of any
1318 insufficiency described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this section, shall be
1319 deposited in said fund to allow for the payment of grants pursuant to
1320 the provisions of this chapter.

1321 [(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3-69a, if funds are
1322 deposited into the Citizens' Election Fund pursuant to the provisions
1323 of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, the aggregate
1324 amount of any such deposits shall be deducted from the amount
1325 deposited into said fund under section 3-69a for the following fiscal
1326 year.]

1327 Sec. 23. Section 9-700 of the general statutes is amended by adding
1328 subdivision (15) as follows (*Effective January 1, 2018*):

1329 (NEW) (15) "Consultant" means any person who provides campaign
1330 strategy, marketing or management services to a candidate or
1331 committee or whose duties on behalf of such candidate or committee
1332 include identifying, hiring or paying other persons for goods or
1333 services.

1334 Sec. 24. Section 9-710 of the general statutes is amended by adding
1335 subsection (d) as follows (*Effective January 1, 2018*):

1336 (NEW) (d) A candidate committee for a candidate who intends to
1337 participate in the Citizens' Election Program may pay a consultant,
1338 provided any contract for such consultant's services shall require such
1339 consultant to transmit to the treasurer of such committee all payee
1340 information and any supporting documentation related to goods or
1341 services provided by such consultant through the use of other persons
1342 working on behalf of the candidate committee, including, but not
1343 limited to, expenditures made, directly or indirectly, by such
1344 consultant to any third party for any (A) written, typed or other
1345 printed communication, or web-based written communication, that (i)
1346 promotes the success or defeat of any candidate's campaign for
1347 nomination or election, or (ii) solicits funds to benefit such candidate
1348 or committee, (B) television advertising, Internet video advertising,
1349 radio advertising or Internet audio advertising, (C) telephone calls, or
1350 (D) wages incurred as a result of work for such candidate or
1351 committee. If such consultant fails to so transmit such payee
1352 information and supporting documentation, as required by such
1353 contract, any payment by such treasurer to such consultant shall be
1354 deemed an improper payment and subject to a civil penalty imposed
1355 by the State Elections Enforcement Commission.

1356 Sec. 25. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b of the
1357 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1358 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1359 (5) (A) To inspect or audit at any reasonable time and upon
1360 reasonable notice the accounts or records of any treasurer or principal
1361 treasurer, except as provided for in subparagraph (B) of this
1362 subdivision, as required by chapter 155 or 157 and to audit any such
1363 election, primary or referendum held within the state; provided, (i) (I)
1364 not later than two months preceding the day of an election at which a
1365 candidate is seeking election, the commission shall complete any audit
1366 it has initiated in the absence of a complaint that involves a committee
1367 of the same candidate from a previous election, and (II) during the
1368 two-month period preceding the day of an election at which a

1369 candidate is seeking election, the commission shall not initiate an audit
1370 in the absence of a complaint that involves a committee of the same
1371 candidate from a previous election, and (ii) the commission shall not
1372 audit any caucus, as defined in subdivision (1) of section 9-372.

1373 (B) When conducting an audit after an election or primary, the
1374 commission shall randomly audit not more than fifty per cent of
1375 candidate committees, which shall be selected through the process of a
1376 weighted lottery conducted by the commission that takes into account
1377 the selection frequency of a district served by the office of state senator
1378 or state representative, as applicable, for the immediately preceding
1379 three regular elections for such office and increases or decreases the
1380 likelihood that such district will be selected for audit based on such
1381 selection frequency, except that the commissioner shall audit all
1382 candidate committees for candidates for a state-wide office.

1383 (C) The commission shall notify, in writing, any committee of a
1384 candidate for an office in the general election, or of any candidate who
1385 had a primary for nomination to any such office not later than May
1386 thirty-first of the year immediately following such election. In no case
1387 shall the commission audit any such candidate committee that the
1388 commission fails to provide notice to in accordance with this
1389 subparagraph;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2018</i>	9-601(25)
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2018</i>	9-601
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2018</i>	9-608(c)
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2018</i>	9-617(d)
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2018</i>	9-617
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2018</i>	9-618(e)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-700
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	9-702
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	9-704
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	9-705(j)(1) to (3)
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	9-706(b) to (g)
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	9-701
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	9-703(b) and (c)
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	9-707
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	9-711(a)
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	9-712(b)
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	9-716(a) and (b)
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	9-601a(a) and (b)
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	9-718
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	9-7a(a)(2)
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	9-750
Sec. 23	<i>January 1, 2018</i>	9-700
Sec. 24	<i>January 1, 2018</i>	9-710
Sec. 25	<i>from passage</i>	9-7b(a)(5)

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) restrict money in state parties' federal accounts from being used on state races, (2) permit gubernatorial candidates participating in the Citizens' Election Program to raise additional funds and qualify for supplemental grants under the program, (3) eliminate grants from the Citizens' Election Fund for candidates without an opponent, (4) permit members of the State Elections Enforcement Commission to serve more than two consecutive terms, (5) maintain consistent annual funding of the Program even if the Fund is overdrawn, (6) require increased disclosure with regard to campaign consultants, (7) adjust the lottery process by which districts are randomly selected for audit, and (8) make technical changes.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]